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**From:** Schmittdiel, Paula  
**Sent:** Thur 8/7/2014 5:11:03 PM  
**Subject:** FW: OTEQ Model Presentation in September in Silverton & Possible LaPlata Cnty 9/24

Just one more planning thing on our plate!

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From: Way, Steven  
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Paula,

Your thoughts are similar to what I expressed to the La Plata County person. We may not want to call it a public meeting in our terms, but if it's an evening session with the commissioners that's an option too.

Regardless, the logistics seemed to be ideal. Rob can also make it. I will follow up on the "forum" and let's just assume that we'll do something with them on 9/24. You and I are allowed to make such decisions.

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Cc: Peterson, Cynthia; Brent Lewis (Brent\_Lewis@blm.gov); Wall, Dan  
Subject: RE: OTEQ Model Presentation in September in Silverton & Possible LaPlata Cnty 9/24

Hey Steve - I would prefer 9/24 as I am hoping to take a couple of weeks off in October. And we're all going to be in the "neighborhood" anyway.

## Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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Hello folks,

On a related matter and potentially good timing - is the option to meet with the LaPlata County commissioners and public; they contacted me about this possibility.

I just spoke with the LaPlata County Commissioners' admin assistant and 9/24 afternoon / evening are open. They are thinking they would like to have an evening meeting to invite the public, and we may want to have a meeting in the afternoon with the commissioners (working session). If that date does not work Oct 7 is an option too.

If September 24 works for everyone, Cynthia could work out the details with the County.

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(PS. I am on phone duty at x6510)

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Hi Paula --

If I remember correctly the plan is for me to give a 45min-1 hr presentation to the stakeholders in the afternoon, and then a shortened version that night for the public (pls confirm - I think this is what Brent told me). As far as the handout goes, I think its a good idea but want to avoid the need for USGS review and approval - something that could take considerable time (myself & others). A more efficient route may be to get my presentation approved for distribution -- I'd use the shortened version from the night presentation and make hardcopies (trying to summarize things in ~4 slides). Would that work? thanks - Rob

p.s. I'm in the midst of planning a large field effort and may not be able to deal w/ this until Sept 1.

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On Tue, 5 Aug 2014, Schmittiel, Paula wrote:

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> Rob - After much discussion and a little confusion last week, it is my  
> understanding that the plan is still to have you present the OTEQ  
> model and findings to ARSG at their meeting on September 23rd in  
> Silverton. That may be a lively discussion.  
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> EPA and BLM are also planning on an "availability session" on the same  
> day and in the same building for the general community after the ARSG  
> meeting - perhaps with a break in between. The intent of an  
> "availability session" will be to have a more informal gathering for  
> community members who may not want to sit thru a lengthy ARSG meeting  
> to hear about the model findings or to ask questions of a number of  
> governmental agencies on Upper Animas activities. We plan to have  
> tables staffed by the various governmental agencies (BLM, CDPHE, and  
> EPA) as well as a table for you to set up a shortened version of the  
> model. We will also include a table for ARSG if they wish.  
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> One of the things that EPA and BLM would like to work with you on for  
> the availability session is a short (1-page) handout for the "lay  
> person" on the OTEQ model and its findings. I know you are busy and  
> have field work commitments at this time of the summer, but we'd like  
> to get started ASAP since coordinating with EPA and BLM could take  
> some time.  
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> Please let us know how it would best work for you to get this started.  
> You can email (or call) either Cynthia Peterson or myself. I've  
> copied both Brent and Cynthia on this email to keep everyone in the  
> loop. Cynthia's phone # is 303-312 6879. Thanks and look forward to  
> our meeting in September.  
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